

# A recent federal ruling may affect how you garden

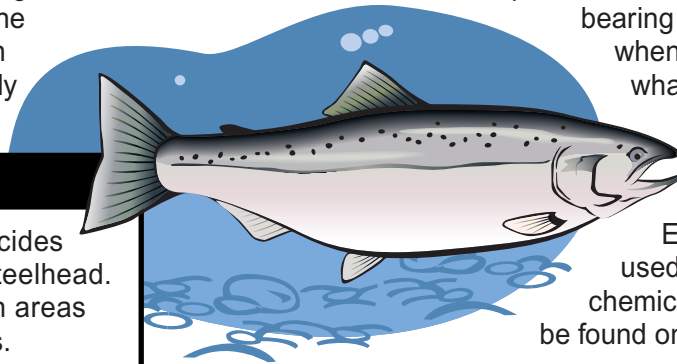


## In January 2004 a Federal District Judge prohibited the use of dozens of pesticides near salmon bearing streams.

The ruling prevents the use of dozens of pesticides within 60 feet of salmon bearing streams and requires retail stores to post the following warning about seven commonly used and potentially dangerous chemicals:

### Salmon Hazard

This product contains pesticides that may harm salmon or steelhead. Use of this product in urban areas can pollute salmon streams.



## Think twice before using pesticides – what you put on your yard affects regional waterways where salmon live.

What you put on your yard can affect this endangered species even if you don't live by a salmon-bearing stream. When it rains, or when you irrigate, water washes what you put on your yard into urban streams, which feed bodies of water where salmon live.

Examples of some commonly used garden products that contain chemicals hazardous to salmon can be found on back.

Garden products with these chemicals may be taken to your local Wastemobile or to household hazardous waste collection points.

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(For more information on this important ruling, see reverse)

## The good news is that you don't need pesticides to have a healthy yard.

People throughout King County are already employing Natural Yard Care techniques to control pests without using toxic chemicals.

- Start with prevention. Build healthy soil, select disease-resistant plants, and pull weeds by hand before they spread.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn where they decompose, reducing your need to fertilize.
- Identify the problem before you spray, squash or stomp. Most bugs are good bugs!
- Accept a few weeds and a little insect damage – give natural predators time to control pests.
- Select the least toxic control method. Many less toxic products are now available.
- Replace problem plants with more pest-resistant ones.
- Got a tough problem or questions? Call the Natural Lawn and Garden Hotline at 206-633-0224.

For information, King County residents can call the **Household Hazards** line at **206-296-4692**, M-F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except holidays. Or visit [www.govlink.org/hazwaste](http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste).

## Five Steps to: Natural Yard Care



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### Examples of pesticides and commonly used products affected by the recent court ruling

<b>2, 4-D*</b>	Herbicide in products including almost all "weed and feed" products: Trimec®, Scotts Turfbuilder Plus 2®, Weed B Gon®, Lilly Miller Lawn Weed Killer®, Weed Stop®, Spectracide Spot Weed Killer®
<b>Acephate</b>	Insecticide in products including Orthene®, OrtheneX®, Isotox®
<b>Carbaryl*</b>	Insecticide in products including Sevin®, Ortho Bug B Gon Granules®, Snail Slug & Bug Killer®, Snail Slug & Insect Granules®, Bug Geta Plus®, Corry's Bug Bait®, Green Light Bug Bait®
<b>Chlorothalonil</b>	Fungicide in products including Daconil®, Ortho Multipurpose Fungicide®.
<b>Diazinon*</b>	Insecticide that has been taken off the market as of 2003 and should no longer be sold. Do not use remaining product; instead take to household hazardous waste collection.
<b>Malathion*</b>	Insecticide sold under many brand names – always with the word 'Malathion.'
<b>Pendimethalin*</b>	Herbicide in Scotts Turfbuilder Plus Halts®
<b>Trifluralin*</b>	Herbicide used in products including Preen®, Preen & Green®, Scotts Garden Weed Preventer®

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\* These pesticides are subject to the retail in-store notification requirement.

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## P-I OPINION

# Pesticide controls to aid salmon now

**"This is a landmark decision that finally gives salmon relief from pesticides after a decade of agency inaction."**

- Patti Goldman, an Earthjustice attorney who represented plaintiffs suing the Environmental Protection Agency

**L**ike a salmon struggling upstream, protection for the Northwest's endangered fish sometimes seems to leap forward, other times to tread water. A federal court order imposing tighter controls on pesticide spraying counts as one of those surges ahead. Credit environmental and fisheries groups for demanding action and a federal judge for a ruling that will protect salmon quickly.

U.S. District Judge John Coughenour ordered no-spraying buffers for some pesticides be put in place up to 100 yards around salmon streams. The order will remain in effect until the Environmental Protection Agency works with the National Marine Fisheries Service to come up with permanent pesticide protections for salmon. Coughenour also required that retail stores post warnings about some pesticides.

Gardeners and homeowners are likely to welcome the information so they can help protect the region's salmon. Some farm groups warn of economic problems. Any serious trouble seems unlikely, though, in part because alternatives exist for most of the pesticides.

In another piece of good news, the Bush administration has proposed an increase in money for Northwest salmon protection. At the same time, though, environmentalists say the EPA is preparing new regulations undercutting pesticide rulings by Coughenour and other judges. That could put a serious obstacle in the way of recovery for salmon and other endangered species.

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